



**REMARKS**

The indication of the allowability of claims 2-6, contingent upon their being written in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. By the above amendment, applicant has endeavored to follow the Examiner's suggestion in this regard and to limit the claims to allowable subject matter.

Thus, claim 1 has been amended to exclude "synthetic polymer, thereby overcoming the rejection of the claims over the reference to Pennel and fairly limiting the claims to the subject matter of claims 2-6. Regarding the presence in claim 1 of a reference to "polysaccharides, attention is directed to the terminal disclaimer filed herein to overcome the rejection of the claims herein on the ground of judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over US 5,080,893. Since that terminal disclaimer overcame that ground of rejection it also necessarily overcame the ground of rejection over Soll, which was cited against the claims of US 5,080,893, which also recited "polysaccharides, as in the present claims.

Inasmuch as the claims have been amended to limit them strictly to allowable subject matter, withdrawal of the stated grounds of rejection are respectfully requested. Applicant has earnestly endeavored to place the application in condition for allowance and an early allowance of the application is respectful


Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2315-904733) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by

this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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